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## BRUSSELS PANIC STRICKEN

### Germans Press Relentlessly Forward With Great Army.

**BELGIANS WILD WITH TERROR FLEE FROM CAPITAL CITY TO SEAPORTS—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT TRANSFERRED TO ANTWERP—QUEEN MAY SEEK REFUGE IN ENGLAND—FRENCH CONTINUE TO WIN VICTORIES IN ALSACE LORRAINE.**

**Brussels Terror Stricken.**  
Brussels, Aug. 18.—The people of the city are wild with terror. Thousands have fled to Antwerp and other coast cities. The machinery of the government has been transferred to Antwerp. The Queen and two children will probably flee to England. The right wing of the German army seems to be attempting to cut off the Belgian army from the main body of the French.

A large army of Germans is reported to be marching directly upon Brussels in a straight line from Ruy. They carry a large number of rapid fire guns on motor trucks.

The steady advance of the Germans and the urgent preparations for the defense of the capital cause the continued official announcement of Belgian victories to be taken with reserve. A big force of Germans is reported at a point near Wavre, fifteen miles from Brussels.

There are strong indications that the field of Waterloo may again see a titanic struggle. It is reported that German cavalry have been seen north of Antwerp.

**Battle Near Namur.**  
London, Aug. 18.—A staff correspondent of the Telegraph, at Namur, sent the following dispatch today: "We are on the eve of the first great battle. Aeroplanes are circling over the head of six hundred thousand Germans who are sweeping toward the Meuse river." The rigid censorship precludes further information.

**Servians Claim Victory.**  
London, Aug. 18.—The Servian legation reports that the Austrians were completely routed in the mountains near Shabat, fifteen thousand of the invaders being annihilated. Fourteen heavy guns were captured from the Austrians who fled across the Save and Drina rivers in great disorder.

**German Detachment Trapped.**  
London, Aug. 18.—The Daily Mail dispatch from Brussels states that a German force which was caught between the French cavalry and Belgian troops at Gambilleux, ten miles north of Namur, suffered heavy losses.

**Leipzig Hunting Prizes.**  
San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The German cruiser Leipzig sailed this morning. The commander declared that he will cruise off the California coast, searching for war prizes.

**Surrender of Brussels Demanded.**  
Berlin, Aug. 18.—Germany has demanded the surrender of Brussels, offering terms which the Belgian government flatly refused.

**Germans Destroy Town.**  
Bern, Aug. 18.—German soldiers have burned the town of Burzwiler, blowing up a number of factories.

**Crown Prince Reported Wounded.**  
The Hague, Aug. 18.—It is persistently rumored that Crown Prince Frederick William has been wounded and is dying at Aix La Chappelle and that Kaiser Wilhelm is hurrying to his side. The report is unconfirmed.

**English Take Two German Cruisers.**  
Shanghai, Aug. 18.—Two German cruisers, badly damaged, have been towed into Hong Kong. (Names censored out.)

**Can Lose Million Men.**  
London, Aug. 18.—A dispatch today to the Central News says the Germans are pouring an almost unbelievable number of men, horses and guns into Belgium, placing them along the entire line from Luxembourg to the northern limits of Belgium.

"We can afford to lose a million men, as the price of victory, but the allies cannot afford to lose a thousand," German officers say. "We took Liege in a week, when we thought it would take three months."

**To Avert Greek-Turkey Crisis.**  
London, Aug. 18.—It is learned officially today that several powers have promised Turkey her independence and that her interests will be

protected if she maintains a policy of strict neutrality. This will probably avert the Greek-Turkey crisis.

**Mutiny in Austrian Ranks.**  
Paris, Aug. 18.—Late dispatches state that a serious mutiny has started in the Austrian army. A Slav regiment of the Fifteenth corps has revolted at Prague and a regiment of infantry has mutinied in Bohemia.

**RUSSIANS STEADILY ADVANCING.**  
Repulse Allies and Force Their Way into Prussia.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—It has been announced that the Czar's troops are more than holding their own against the Austro-German allies. In east Prussia the Russians are operating on a line over 70 miles long. The allies have been repulsed in several attacks and Russia is gradually forcing her way into Prussia.

**Betting on War's End.**  
London, Aug. 18.—Lloyds is wagering even money that the war will be over by December 31.

**Three Big Battles Being Fought.**  
London, Aug. 18.—Dispatches seeping through the censor today indicate that the struggle for the mastery of Western Europe is now fairly on. Three big battles have opened: one in northern Belgium, one near Ardennes, the third in Lorraine. The French successes in Alsace seem to be balanced by German advances through Belgium.

**ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.**  
President Wilson Asks American People to Be Neutral in Speech and Conduct.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today addressed a communication to the American people asking them to observe strict neutrality of speech and conduct during the present European conflict and to act in a spirit of impartiality, fairness and friendliness to all concerned.

Secretary Tumulty today flatly denied the report that the German Emperor had made representations to this government regarding the anti-German campaign.

**WANT CENSORSHIP REMOVED.**

**Germans Appeal to Government to Release Wireless Stations From Censorship.**  
Washington, Aug. 18.—The German Charge d'Affaires again appealed to Secretary Bryan today asking for the lifting of the censorship on the wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, Long Island. The cabinet will consider the matter this afternoon.

**HEAVY SALES IN LAKE CITY.**  
Tobacco Market There Sees Transfer of Nearly Half Million Pounds of Weed for \$65,212.

Lake City, Aug. 18.—The four warehouses of Lake City sold today 439,315 pounds of farmers' tobacco for \$65,212.16. This is decidedly the largest sale for a single day that any market in this State has had. Yesterday Mr. Fulghum for the Imperial Tobacco company began buying again, after having been off the market for two weeks, and the news of his return and the consequent increase in price were responsible for today's sales.

**GOVERNMENT TO BUY SHIPS.**

**Will Carry on Commerce Through Federal Controlled Corporations.**  
Washington, Aug. 19.—The United States government will soon purchase a number of ships and operate them through a corporation controlled by the government, according to an agreement at a conference at the White House today. President Wilson and a committee composed of Senators Clarke, Simmons, Congressman Underwood, Alexander and Secretary McAdoo and Tumulty were at the conference.

## BATTLE OF DINANT.

**"MARSEILLAISE" DROVE FRENCH ON TO VICTORY.**

**Had to Stand Fire of Artillery From Strong German Entrenchments.**

London, Aug. 17.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says the French casualties in the fighting between Namur and Dinant were heavy, as the Germans were strongly entrenched and their artillery at the outset played great havoc with the French.

The French wing at Dinant had been badly cut up and nearly routed when suddenly the strains of the "Marseillaise" resounded in the French lines and the men rallied and reformed. With splendid gallantry they charged, hurling themselves on the German troops, breaking through their lines and putting them to flight. The Times correspondent at Namur, Belgium, who witnessed the fighting at Dinant Saturday, says:

"The battle occupied a whole day, but was made up of two actions. The first continued from morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The second occupied the remainder of the afternoon. From early morning, when the Germans took possession of a part of Dinant on the left bank of the Meuse and a regiment of French infantry advanced at the same time from the south and occupied the other side of the town, skirmishes between the two forces proceeded throughout the forenoon.

"In the afternoon the fighting took the form of an artillery engagement. The French infantry withdrew from the town into the woods at the side of the Meuse four miles from the river. The artillery then took charge of the battle, at the same moment a French infantry regiment advancing along the Meuse on the right bank from Houx, at the south of Namur, flung itself on the Germans in the town and aided by artillery drove them off. Then from 3 o'clock until 6 o'clock the two armies were engaged in an artillery duel across the town. It was always the Germans who were retiring along the hills to the south of the town and always the French who moved forward their batteries little by little. Gradually the French drove the Germans southward, probably along the road to Han-Sur-Lesse, pursuing all the time with infantry and chasseurs.

"To all appearances the French artillery made better practice than the German. The number of killed and wounded must have been heavy."

**GEORGIA HOLDS PRIMARIES.**

**Hoke Smith Opposed by Joe Brown for Long Term in Senate—Five Out for Short One.**

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—Candidates for the long and short terms in the United States senate for governor and State offices will be nominated in a Democratic State-wide primary tomorrow.

Action of the Georgia primary is equivalent to election. Senator Hoke Smith, who is seeking re-nomination, is opposed by Former Gov. Joseph M. Brown. For the unexpired term of the late Senator A. O. Bacon, the candidates are John R. Cooper, Thomas B. Felder, Congressman Thomas W. Hardwick, G. R. Hutchens and Gov. John M. Slaton.

J. Randolph Anderson, president of the Georgia State senate; L. G. Hardman and N. G. Hardman are making the race for the gubernatorial nomination.

Indications point to an unusually heavy vote.

**FOR STORING COTTON.**

**Federal License Measure Reported to Senate.**

Washington, Aug. 12.—Senator Hoke Smith's bill for federal licensing of cotton warehouses was favorably reported today by the senate agricultural committee. Senator Hoke Smith urged early passage.

The bill is designed to add to the value of warehouse receipts so that they may be made a basis for commercial paper to relieve Southern farmers during the European war.

**Boy Seizes Ball.**

Ranzen Perry, who was arrested on the coroner's warrant several weeks ago charged with the murder of his father, Ranzen Perry, in the Zoar section of the county, was released on bail yesterday. Bail being set at \$1,000, Mr. J. C. Stukes went on bail for the negro. The boy's mother, who was arrested at the same time, was released on bail some time ago.

## PRESIDENT AVERTS WAR.

**UNCLE SAM HAS CLOSE CALL WITH MEXICO.**

**Cabinet Urges Executive to Send Troops into Mexican Capital but Instead of Intervention President Sends Agent to Heal Villa-Carranza Split.**

Washington, Aug. 18.—Just how close the United States came to being involved in a war with Mexico as recently as a fortnight ago was revealed today by high officials of the administration.

When Gen. Carranza abruptly rejected the overtures of the peace envoys sent by Provisional President Carbajal and at the same time ignored diplomatic efforts of the American government to bring about a peaceful entry to the constitutionalists into Mexico City, drastic measures were urged upon President Wilson.

Many members of the cabinet, it is said, a majority, urged sending American troops from Vera Cruz to the Mexican capital to prevent anarchy then expected to follow from the failure of the Carbajal government and the constitutionalists to reach an agreement. President Wilson, however, firmly resisted all pressure, arguing sending American troops to Mexico City probably would mean war with the constitutionalists.

A few days later overtures came from the Carbajal government to the effect that if American troops would come to preserve order they would be assisted. Other promises were made—the United States was to be given a coaling station in Magdalena Bay, the Chamizal claims were to be adjusted, and many other things of particular interest to the American government were to be arranged.

The president rejected all approaches, believing the constitutionalists themselves would maintain order. He gave his attention instead to the possible split between Villa and Carranza and renewed efforts to harmonize the leaders.

To carry out this purpose the president sent a personal friend, Paul Fuller, a New York lawyer, to see both Villa and Carranza. Mr. Fuller arrived at Villa's headquarters, where he is co-operating with George C. Carothers, American consular agent, in urging Villa to join with Carranza in maintaining peace in Mexico. Announcement of the fact that Mr. Fuller had gone to see Villa was made by Secretary Bryan today.

White House officials said Mr. Fuller went to Mexico merely to gather information for the administration. It was reported in some quarters that Mr. Fuller was sent to familiarize himself with conditions and that he eventually might be named ambassador to Mexico.

**FIRST BALE OF NEW COTTON.**

**Sold by Mr. J. M. Weatherly of Tindal at Nine Cents.**

Mr. J. M. Weatherly of Tindal sold the first bale of new cotton on the Sumter market this morning. The cotton was purchased by Levi Bros and graded strict low middling, being green, nappy and gin cut because of the greenness. This made the price lower than it otherwise would have been, 9 cents having been paid for the cotton. The bale weighed 565 pounds.

Mr. Levi stated this morning that it was best for the farmers not to gin their cotton until it was dried out, as the greenness was injurious to it and prevented their getting as good a price for it as they would if they waited and let it dry out.

**WARNING TO OFFICIALS.**

**Postal Department Bids Them Keep Hands Off.**

Washington, Aug. 17.—The postoffice department has received complaints concerning the alleged political activity of rural carriers and postmasters in different sections of the Third congressional district of South Carolina. The department has sent out a telegraphic warning to the postal officials of the Third district and inspectors will investigate to what extent the rural carriers may be or may have been engaging in politics in violation of the law.

**MREYNOLDS NOMINATED.**

**Attorney General Promoted to Supreme Court Bench.**

Washington, Aug. 19.—Attorney General McReynolds was nominated for the Supreme Court bench today by President Wilson. Assistant Attorney General Gregory was nominated to succeed Mr. McReynolds.

## WAR NEWS IS STILL HAZY

### Conflicting Reports Tell of Many Victories and Great Losses.

**ONE REPORT SAYS BRUSSELS HAS BEEN CAPTURED, ANOTHER DENIES IT. BULGARIA SAYS SHE WILL SERVE STRICT NEUTRALITY. VARIOUS REPORTS OF SMUGGLING ENGAGEMENTS HAD BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMANS.**

**Destroying German Commerce.**

London, Aug. 19.—Over five hundred German merchant ships valued (with cargoes) at more than three hundred million dollars have been captured by the British, Russian and French warships, according to estimate made up today. Millions of pounds of food have been captured which will be used to feed the allied armies. Some of the larger ships will be converted into cruisers and the others will be used as transports.

**Bulgaria Neutral.**

London, Aug. 1.—Great Britain was notified today that Bulgaria will maintain a strict neutrality.

**Sugar and Coffee Captured.**

Marseilles, Aug. 19.—The Austrian ship Emilia, with a valuable cargo of sugar and coffee, was captured off the north coast of Africa today by a French gunboat.

**Russians in Austria.**

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—A Russian army of seventy thousand invaded the Austrian Provinces of Bukovina and Galicia today. The Russians are marching on Czernowitz.

**Germans in Russia.**

Amsterdam, Aug. 19.—An official dispatch from Berlin states that the Germans have occupied the town of Mlaw in Russian Poland.

**Brussels Taken by Germans.**

London, Aug. 19.—A dispatch from Antwerp reports that the Germans captured Brussels today after a fierce all night battle. Though the report is generally credited, it has not been officially confirmed.

A Brussels dispatch dated 6.30 last night stated: "The Germans have commenced a forward movement over the whole battle line. It is stated the movement was made by the direct orders of the Kaiser."

An hour later a Brussels dispatch said a desperate battle is raging along the extensive front. Refugees are pouring in from Tirlemont and Diest. The Germans are heavily bombarding the Louvain, Belgian army headquarters. It is believed the British government is sending heavy reinforcements into Belgium and France.

**Fall of Brussels Denied.**

London, Aug. 19.—The Belgian legation denies the report of the fall of Brussels. A heavy battle is raging just east of Brussels. They also declare that the forts at Liege remain intact.

**Russian Plunderers Warned.**

London, Aug. 19.—A wireless message from Berlin says that Germany has protested and warned the Russian armies against burning and plundering in east Prussia.

**Namur Fortifications Stormed.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—The Germans stormed the Namur fortifications losing heavily.

**French Occupy German Towns.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—The occupation of Saeburg and Pfalsburg by French troops was announced today. The Germans fell back toward Seabaren.

**Germany Needs Italy.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—In a final effort to swing Italy into line to oppose the allies, Germany has sent a military and diplomatic mission to Rome. Traveling by automobile the party reached Trieste today.

**French Naval Victory.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—The Austrian cruiser Zente was sunk by a French warship off Antivari Sunday. Two hundred of the crew were drowned. A French torpedo boat today captured the Austrian steamship Dinoras with a cargo of wheat, off the Island of Guernsey.

**BETWEEN GERMANY AND JAPAN**

**Reported That Germany Will Release Fortress to China.**

Peking, Aug. 19.—It is reported that the German minister has approached the president of China with a pro-

posed surrender Kiao Chau and Tsingtao to the Chinese government. The government official refuse to do or deny the report. If true it moves the basis of the Japanese demands upon Germany.

**Turkey Pledges Neutrality.**

London, Aug. 19.—The Turkish ambassador assured the British foreign office today that Turkey will remain neutral.

**Belgians Retreat to Antwerp.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—It is rumored at the war office that the Belgians are retreating from Louvain and Brussels to Antwerp.

**Driven Out of Serbia.**

Nish, Aug. 19.—The Servians announce the retreat of all the Austrians in Serbia. The Austrians lost three thousand killed and five thousand wounded in the battle of Shabat.

**Reports from Russia.**

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—It is reported that fire is sweeping the government docks at Odessa. The report that Russian warship struck a mine and sunk is unconfirmed.

**German Army Advancing.**

Berlin, Aug. 19.—The war office states that the German main army is steadily advancing beyond Namur, Belgium, though meeting a sharp resistance.

**ROBBERS ESCAPE IN CAR.**

**Loat Pittsburgh Bank and Then Make Off.**

Pittsburgh, Aug. 17.—Allegheny county authorities tonight warned police at all points within a hundred miles radius to watch for an automobile containing two youths who held up the Homestead National bank here today.

Officers of the bank will not name the amount of money stolen but a package of \$1,000 dropped by one of the bandits was recovered.

The bandits' escape was made possible by the fact that one of them carried an extra spark plug for an automobile which they took from in front of a preacher's home. He was passing the bank as they were inside and seeing his car at the curb removed the spark plug so it could not be started.

Just then the men emerged from the bank and it was when one of them was placing another spark plug on the engine that J. M. Thorne, cashier, opened fire through the bank window. They returned the fire as they sped away.

Police pursued in another automobile and came on them as they were abandoning the preacher's machine and entering a high powered racing car, which they had left in custody of a farmer's boy early in the morning. Shots were exchanged and two detectives were wounded.

The bandits' automobile soon was lost to sight by the pursuing car.

**TILLMAN TO CAST VOTE.**

**Lever Also Will Come Home to Register His Choice in the Primary.**

Washington, Aug. 17.—Senator Tillman has decided to go to South Carolina on August 23, next Sunday, for the purpose of voting in the primary of August 25. He will not return to Washington until December.

Congressman Lever and Morris Lumpkin, assistant clerk to the house committee on agriculture, expect to leave Washington for South Carolina next Saturday for the same purpose.

Congressmen Johnson, Byrnes and one or two other members of the delegation are already at home and probably will not return until after the primary.

**ZAPATA WILL SURRENDER.**

**Carranza Must Promise to Give Amnesty to His Men.**

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—Zapata has offered to surrender to Carranza if his followers are granted amnesty. Negotiations are proceeding. Carranza has repudiated Carbajal's paper money.